

NO. 23530

IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII, Plaintiff-Appellee, v.  
ALFRED STEPHEN, Defendant-Appellant

APPEAL FROM THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT  
(FC-Cr. No. 00-1-1143)

SUMMARY DISPOSITION ORDER

(By: Burns, C.J., Watanabe, and Lim, JJ.)

Defendant-Appellant Alfred Stephen (Stephen) appeals from the judgment entered by the Family Court of the First Circuit (the family court)<sup>1</sup> on May 31, 2000, convicting and sentencing him for the offense of abuse of a family or household member, a violation of Hawaii Revised Statutes § 709-906 (Supp. 2001). Stephen's sole argument on appeal is that the family court denied him a meaningful opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine the complaining witness about matters that would expose her bias against Stephen and her motive for pressing the charge against Stephen.

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<sup>1</sup> Per diem District Family Court Judge Lillian Ramirez-Uy presided over the bench trial in this case.

Upon careful review of the record and briefs submitted by the parties, and having duly considered the case law and statutes relevant to this appeal, we disagree with Stephen.

Accordingly, we affirm the Judgment filed on May 31, 2000.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, April 11, 2002.

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